

Application No. 10/076,976

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1.-17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) A collection of nanoparticles, the nanoparticles being weakly agglomerated comprising rutile titanium dioxide, wherein the particles have an average diameter no more than about 150 nm and effectively no particles have a diameter greater than about four times the average diameter.

19. (Previously Presented) The collection of nanoparticles of claim 18 wherein the nanoparticles have an average diameter from about 5 nm to about 125 nm.

20. (Previously Presented) The collection of nanoparticles of claim 18 wherein effectively no particles have a diameter greater than about three times the average diameter.

21. (Previously Presented) The collection of nanoparticles of claim 18 wherein effectively no particles have a diameter greater than about two times the average diameter.